



# Village of River Forest

## POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

**FROM:** James Greenwood- Chief of Police

**DATE:** August 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** July 2025 Monthly Report

### Crime Statistics

The month of July 2025 indicated a 30% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to July 2024. Group A offenses year to date show a 3% decrease from the same period in 2024. There was an 11% decrease in Group B offenses compared to July 2024. This decrease is due to a reduction in Trespass incidents.

	July 2025	July 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A	43	33	10	30%	187	181	-6	-3%
Group B	8	9	-1	-11%	66	62	4	6%
All Other	31	28	3	10%	185	229	-44	-19%
Reports	127	143	-16	-11%	895	911	-16	-2%
Events	949	1052	-103	-9%	5,938	6,689	-751	-11%

### Town Center

The Police Department responded to sixty-nine (69) calls for service at the Town Center properties in July 2025; of those calls there were forty-four (44) reported crimes, which included twenty-two (22) Retail Thefts and eleven (11) Panhandlers/Removals. There was a seven percent (-7%) decrease in calls for service in comparison to July 2024 statistics. In addition, there was a forty-two percent (42%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to July 2024 statistics. This increase can be attributed to an increase in Retail Theft incidents.

### Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Command Staff met with vendor regarding ventilation upgrades to range on July 10, 2025.
- Attended the Village Board meeting on July 14, 2025.
- DC Swierczynski and Commander Grill attended Federal NIMS training on July 14-15, 2025.
- Attended the Board of Fire and Police Commission meeting on July 15, 2025.
- Attended the Quarterly Community Safety meeting on July 30, 2025.

### School and Community Support

The following is a summary of the activity that occurred during July relating to Ordinance Enforcement and School Resource/Community Service.

<b>JULY 2025</b>	<b>CSO BUS</b>	<b>CSO BUS</b>
<b>VIOLATION TYPE</b>	<b>TICKETS</b>	<b>WARNINGS</b>
Time Limit	9	
No Parking Anytime	0	
Vehicle License	0	
Fire Lane/Hydrant	0	
Handicapped	0	
Resident Only Zone	0	
Permit Parking Only	18	
Daily Parking Fee Zone	2	
Expired Registration	1	
Other Parking Offense	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>JULY 2025 ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CSO BUS</b>
<b>Bank/Metra</b>	19 Assignments 3 Hrs
<b>Errands</b>	5 Assignments 4.25 Hrs
<b>Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations</b>	0 Assignments 0 Citations
<b>Parking Citations</b>	32 Citations
<b>Fingerprinting Assignments</b>	4 Assignment 1.5 Hrs
<b>Administrative Duties</b>	18 Assignments 25 Hrs
<b>Animal Calls</b>	5 Assignments 3.5 Hr
<b>Vehicle Service</b>	114 Assignments 7 Hrs
<b>Crossings</b>	0 Assignments 0 Hrs
<b>Bond Hearing / Court</b>	7 Assignments 7.5 Hrs
<b>Other Assignments</b>	6 Assignments 4 Hrs
<b>Adjudication / Red Light Hearing</b>	1 Assignments 1 Hrs

<b>Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install</b>	0 Assignments 0 Mins
<b>Other Calls for Service</b>	27 Assignments 16.5 Hrs

### **School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for July 2025**

<b>Written Reports</b>	3
<b>Foot Patrols / Premise Checks</b>	46
<b>River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities</b>	0
<b>Calls for Service</b>	6
<b>Other Assignments</b>	9 Assignments, 12 hours
<b>Special Assignments</b>	13 Assignments, 41 hours (see below)

### **School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for July 2025**

#### **In Ofc. Drake's absence, Sgt. Ransom completed the following:**

- Phone meeting with elderly patient caretaker about Senior Services on 07/01/2025.
- Conducted foot patrol walkthroughs of Har Zion Temple throughout the month.
- Delivered RF Emergency ID bracelet to program participant on 07/1/2025.
- Fielded advice call from Har Zion on 7/2/2025.
- Participated in Westchester 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on 7/4/2025.
- Assisted with Village Adjudication hearing on 07/7/2025.
- Delivered RF Emergency ID bracelet to program participant on 7/13/2025.
- Assisted patrol with Montessori School Threat investigation (25-00828) on 7/14/2025.
- Assisted WEDGE Task Force on 07/23/2025.
- Planned and facilitated Community Safety Meeting on 07/30/2025.
- Gave Safety Presentation to Dominican University Campus Safety Department on 07/31/2025
- Assisted Village and Police Administration with E-Scooter Ordinance messaging and rollout.
- Built curriculum, organized, scheduled and planned Junior Citizen's Police Academy throughout the month.
- Assisted with records/administrative tasks throughout the month.
- Assisted investigations unit throughout the month.
- Assisted patrol with calls for service throughout the month.

### **UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for August 2025**

The Crime Prevention Unit will:

- Run the Junior Citizen's Police Academy from 08/04/2025 – 08/08/2025.
- Update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Complete bicycle registrations throughout the month.
- Assist investigations unit, patrol, and records division as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct school and business premise checks and foot patrols throughout the month.
- Train Concordia University Campus Safety Officers on Safety Tactics, Responding to Crime Scenes, Drug Recognition and more on 8/19/2025 & 08/21/2025.

**Sgt. Ransom will also:**

- Oversee Incident Action Plan Implementation for Pride Walk Event.
- Continue training under Commander Grill in the Support Services role.
- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- Plan special events and complete permit reviews and approvals.
- Manage movie and commercial film details, permits, and requests.
- Assist with Information Technology projects.
- Address subpoenas, FOIA requests and other records requests for various sources of police video used in police response and criminal investigations.
- Assist with Vehicle Maintenance and Equipment.
- Manage LPR system
- Manage Street Camera System.
- Assist with Red Light Enforcement system.
- Continue to support CSO Bus, SRO Drake, and the Records functions.

**CSO Bus will:**

- Monitor parking issues near the various schools.
- Assist with Child Safety Seat Installations
- Enforce any/all new regulated parking zones.
- Monitor crossing guard performance and presence.
- Monitor parking issues near the River Forest Community Center.
- Monitor and enforce parking regulations in Daily Fee, Time Zone, Resident Only Zones, and Handicapped Parking Only Areas etc.
- Assist with Court records communications.
- Assist with Animal Control.
- Administer traffic control services during Fire and Police related events.
- Continue to utilize the Automated License Plate Reader to increase efficiency and effectiveness of parking enforcement efforts in an effort to gain better community compliance.
- Parking Enforcement areas of focus: 000 Lathrop hourly parking, East/West Thatcher parking lots and commuter parking.



River Forest Ofc. Barcenas was featured on the WGN “First Responder of the Month” segment on July 22, 2025.

Active Solicitor Permits		
Individual or Organization	Description	Expires
Kramer Window	Window Replacement	06/10/2026
Joy Milk Tea Inc.	Mile Tea Pop-Up	06/14/2026
Perspective Development Inc.	Fiber Internet	02/20/2026
Edward Jones	Financial Services	06/26/2026
Anderson Corp.	Window/Door Sales	07/11/2026
Future Kids of America	Empowering Youth Through Academics	07/23/2026

### **Budget and Fiscal Monitoring**

#### **July 1 – July 31, 2025**

July is the third month of Fiscal Year 2026. There was a 23% increase in overtime costs in comparison to July 2024. Overtime costs increased by 20% YTD compared to Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2025.

#### **Revenue/Expenditure Summary**

Category	Total # Paid FY26 07/31	Total # Paid FY26 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY26 07/31	FY26 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
<b>Parking/Compliance Citations</b>	107	441	\$10,462	\$48,597
<b>Admin. Tows</b>	12	46	\$6,000	\$23,000
<b>Local Ordinance</b>	3	6	\$126	\$559
<b>Overtime</b>	436.25hrs	1,305.75hrs	\$32,205	\$95,274

#### **Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:**

- Officers conducted additional patrols and premise checks in the business districts, parks, school play areas, block parties, and the library.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Dayshift officers enjoyed some iced tea and lemonade from juvenile RF resident on the 300 block of Franklin.
- All three shifts conducted group traffic enforcement missions for Speed Enforcement Day on July 23, 2025, resulting in 21 citations, 2 arrests, and one impounded vehicle.
- Officers assisted the Lagrange Police Department with a NIPAS callout on July 30, 2025.

## **Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement**

The Midnight Shift focused traffic enforcement using saturation enforcement techniques on North Avenue. Officers made twenty-seven (27) stops, issued twenty-two (22) citations and fourteen (14) warnings during their traffic missions. The shift made three (3) traffic arrests, and five (5) vehicles were administratively towed during the enforcement traffic missions.

The Day Shift focused traffic enforcement on Chicago Avenue and on Division Street. Officers made twenty-six (26) stops, issued forty-one (41) citations and eight (8) warnings. The shift recorded six (6) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Four (4) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift focused their traffic enforcement efforts primarily on Madison Street, Lake Street, and North Avenue. Officers made thirteen (13) stops, issued thirteen (13) citations and six (6) warnings during traffic enforcement missions. The shift recorded three (3) traffic-related arrests, and seven (7) vehicles were administratively towed.

## **Notable Events and Arrests:**

### **25-00775                      Driving While License Suspended and Warrant Arrest**

On July 1, 2025 8:41AM, A River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Lake Street when he was alerted by a License Plate Reader (LPR) for a vehicle with suspended registration. A check of the vehicle registration revealed the registration was suspended for mandatory insurance. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle in the 7500 block of Lake Street. The driver was identified as a 26-year-old Chicago resident. The driver was determined to have a suspended driver's license and an active Will County Warrant. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. The driver was charged with Driving While License Suspended, Suspended Registration and with the Will County Warrant. The driver was transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for extradition to Will County.

### **25-00783                      Driving While License Suspended and Disorderly Conduct**

On July 2, 2025 9:53PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on the 7900 block of Chicago Avenue, and the officer conducted a traffic stop for an Illinois Vehicle Code equipment violation on the 1200 block of Thatcher Avenue. The driver was identified as a 26-year-old male from Chicago and was driving with a suspended Illinois driver's license. The driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended, and the vehicle was towed with administrative hold. Prior to towing the vehicle, two subjects arrived on scene and demanded the vehicle be released into their custody. The officer advised the subjects that the vehicle was being towed, and the two subjects began to cause a disturbance. The subjects were identified as a 25-year-old female from Chicago and a 24-year-old female from Chicago. The subjects were told multiple times to not obstruct the investigation and were ultimately arrested after one of the subjects called 9-1-1 to file a false police report. The 25-year-old female was arrested for Obstructing Justice and Disorderly Conduct, and the 24-year-old female was arrested for Obstructing Justice and resisting arrest when she attempted to defeat the handcuffing process. The driver was issued citations and released on scene with a Citation and Notice. The female offenders were transported to the station for processing. The female offenders were charged, given a misdemeanor court date, and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

### **25-00787                      Retail Theft Warrants and Obstructing a Police Officer**

On July 11, 2025 2:00PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7231 Lake Street (Ulta) for a Retail Theft that just occurred. Officers searched the area for the offender and located a subject matching the description in the area. The subject fled on foot from officers and began resisting arrest but eventually was taken into custody by officers. The subject was identified as 38-year-old male from Chicago. The subject was identified as the offender who stole numerous bottles of fragrances valued at \$612.00. Upon a name search of the offender, it was revealed the subject had (4) active Warrants. The subject was taken into custody and charged with felony Retail Theft, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing a Police Officer and (4) Warrants. He was processed and released transported to the next available detention hearing.



**25-00789                      Aggravated Fleeing-Eluding, Aggravated Discharge of Firearm**

On July 5, 2025 3:56AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Thatcher Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle driving 46mph on Thatcher where the speed limit is 25mph. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle fled at speeds more than 21mph over the limit and violated several traffic control devices. The officer did not pursue the vehicle. Another officer, driving an unmarked police vehicle, spotted the offending vehicle and began to follow it, until an occupant of the offending vehicle discharged several rounds from a firearm, striking the police vehicle, prior to fleeing again. No officers were injured, and the investigation into the incident is ongoing. The offending vehicle was later located in a garage in Forest Park where it was impounded pursuant to a search warrant.

**25-00792                      Retail Theft**

On July 5, 2025 3:28PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel-Osco) for a Retail Theft. The employee advised the offender fled the store while pushing a cart full of stolen merchandise. Upon arrival, River Forest units located a suspect hiding in the bushes located at 7420 Central Avenue. The merchandise was located in the nearby parking structure. The suspect and merchandise were positively identified by the employee. The offender was identified as a 31-year-old male from Chicago. The stolen merchandise valued at \$227.03 was returned to the store. The offender was transported to the station for processing and was charged with felony Retail Theft. The offender was given a felony court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00795                      Violation of Local Ordinance**

On July 8, 2025 1:23AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of the 1200 block of William Street to investigate a noise complaint. Upon arrival, while searching for the source of the noise, officers encountered 5 males and females, ranging in age from 18 to 20, from Brookfield, Broadview, Melrose Park, and River Forest, in possession of alcohol despite being under the age of 21. They were cited for Underage Possession of Alcohol. The homeowner, a 51-year-old male from River Forest, was cited for Social Hosting.

**25-00804                      Driving Under the Influence of Drugs**

On July 9, 2025 12:40AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Chicago Avenue for a traffic crash. The driver of the at-fault vehicle, a 19-year-old male from Chicago, admitted to consuming cannabis, exhibited signs of cannabis impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00811                      Fleeing and Attempting to Elude a Police Officer**

On July 10, 2025 5:11PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on the 1400 block of Bonnie Brae Place. The River Forest officer observed a vehicle committing multiple moving violations and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 1000 block of Harlem Avenue. The driver refused to stop the vehicle, and the vehicle continued southbound on Harlem Avenue. The River Forest officer discontinued attempting to stop the vehicle in the 700 block of Harlem Avenue. Forest Park officers located the vehicle at Harlem Avenue and I-290 and deployed stop sticks thus disabling the vehicle. The driver was identified as a 21-year-old female from Chicago. The driver was taken into custody by the responding Forest Park officers, and the vehicle was towed. The River Forest officer issued multiple citations which included Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released at the Forest Park Police Department on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00820                      Theft**

On July 12, 2025 10:47AM, a River Forest officer was dispatched to 546 Lathrop Avenue for a package theft. The officer reviewed the Ring camera footage and provided the offender's description to other responding officers. An officer reviewed street camera footage and located a suspect matching the description walking eastbound on the 7200 block of Lake Street. The suspect was detained on the corner of Lake Street and Harlem Avenue and was positively identified as the offender by the victim. The offender was identified as a 39-year-old male from Chicago. The offender was read his Miranda Warnings and gave a voluntary statement advising that the victim's packages were hidden by the Jewel. The victim's items were located and returned to the victim. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with one count of felony Theft. It was also determined the offender committed a Retail Theft

earlier in the day and was also charged with one count of felony Retail Theft (25-00819). The offender was given a felony court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00823                      Retail Theft, Resisting Arrest, and Warrant**

On July 12, 2025 6:16PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7321 Lake Street (DSW) for the retail theft just occurred. The employee advised the offender stole shoes and fled eastbound on Central Avenue. A suspect matching the description was located on the CTA Green Line platform and ran from the responding officer. River Forest officers located the suspect running on North Boulevard at Forest Avenue. The suspect threw the stolen merchandise at pursuing officers. The suspect resisted arrest by attempting to defeat the handcuffing process but was taken into custody. The employee positively identified the stolen merchandise and the suspect as the offender. The offender was identified as a 29-year-old male from Chicago. The stolen merchandise valued at \$109.92 was returned to the store. It was determined the offender also had an outstanding DuPage County Warrant for Burglary. The offender was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with two counts of Resisting a Peace Officer, Retail Theft, and the outstanding Warrant. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

**25-00824                      Retail Theft and Criminal Trespass to Real Property**

On July 13, 2025 7:37AM, a River Forest officer was conducting a foot patrol inside 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens), and an employee advised the officer there was a subject concealing items in the store. The subject passed the last point of purchase and was detained by the police officer. The offender was identified as a 29-year-old male from Maywood. The stolen merchandise valued at \$30.97 was returned to the store. It was determined the offender had already received a Criminal Trespass warning from Walgreens. The offender was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with Criminal Trespass to Real Property and Retail Theft. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00831                      Retail Theft and Outside Agency Arrest Warrant**

On July 14, 2025 5:45PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a premise check in the River Forest Town Center and observed a subject acting suspiciously in the lot. The suspicious subject entered 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) and was observed concealing items in a tote bag. The subject passed the last point of purchase and was detained by the police officer. The offender was identified as a 48-year-old male from Schiller Park. The stolen merchandise valued at \$119.92 was returned to the store. It was determined the offender also had an outstanding Cook County Warrant for Unlawful Possession of a Credit Card. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with the Retail Theft and the outstanding Warrant. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

**25-00832                      Armed Robbery**

On July 15, 2025 7:17AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 1140 North Harlem Avenue (7-Eleven) for an Armed Robbery that just occurred. The offender fled in a vehicle and was not located. When officers arrived, the clerk related a male subject had entered the store, displayed a semi-automatic handgun and demanded cash from the register. The offender left with \$230 from the register and was not located. This case is still under investigation.

**25-00834                      Driving With No Valid Driver's License**

On July 16, 2025 1:47AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Lathrop Avenue observed a vehicle driving on North Avenue with a Suspended Registration and failing to dim its high beams when approaching oncoming traffic. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 36-year-old female from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. She was arrested for Driving With No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00848                      Reckless Driving**

On July 18, 2025 9:54PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the disturbance at Greenfield Street and Bonnie Brae Place. River Forest officers conducted a thorough investigation and determined a group of juveniles threw eggs at the offender's vehicle. The offender then pursued the juveniles in a reckless manner running over the juvenile's unattended electric bicycle. The juvenile's parents were notified and did not want to pursue any criminal charges. The juvenile's



parent was also concerned with the behavior of his child and agreed to discipline his child accordingly. The offender was identified as a 63-year-old male from River Forest. The offender was arrested for Reckless Driving, issued citations and released on scene with a Citation and Notice.

**25-00849                      Driving With No Valid Driver's License**

On July 19, 2025 1:29AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Lathrop Avenue observed a vehicle driving 71mph on North Avenue where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, an 18-year-old male from Northlake, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving With No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00859                      Fugitive Warrant**

On July 21, 2025 5:00PM, a River Forest officer received a license plate reader alert for a vehicle with suspended registration. The officer then observed the vehicle driving eastbound in the 7200 block of North Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver had an outstanding Indiana Warrant for Felonious Theft. The driver was identified as a 28-year-old female from Lisle. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The driver was charged with the outstanding Indiana Warrant and transported to the Maybrook courthouse to await Indiana extradition.

**25-00862                      Driving While License Suspended**

On July 23, 2025 5:34AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement for Speed Awareness Day near North Avenue and Lathrop Avenue observed a vehicle driving 60mph on North Avenue where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 21-year-old male from Chicago, was found to be driving with a Suspended Driver's License, suspended for mandatory insurance violations. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00868                      Retail Theft**

On July 24, 2025 12:04PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street for a retail theft where the offender was being held by security. Upon arrival officers made contact with the offender who was identified as a 22-year-old male from Chicago. Jewel Security advised they observed the offender select multiple items offered for sale from the shelves and placed them into a shopping cart. The offender then pushed the shopping cart past the last point of purchase without paying for the items and was stopped at the exit doors. The items were valued at \$389.31. The offender was transported back to the station for processing. The offender was charged with felony Retail Theft and later released on a citation and notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

**25-00869                      Aggravated Battery and Retail Theft**

On July 24, 2025 2:59PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel-Osco) for the Retail Theft and Battery that just occurred. Prior to our arrival, the offender fled in a vehicle. The responding officer determined the elderly employee confronted the offender for not scanning all the items in the self-check-out and the elderly employee was shoved to the floor by the offender. The elderly employee was transported to the hospital for treatment, and the investigation revealed the offender was picked up by an Uber and driven to an apartment in Forest Park. The case is still pending further investigation.

**25-00874                      Driving Under the Influence**

On July 26, 2025 12:27AM, a River Forest officer on a call near Madison Street and Ashland Avenue observed a vehicle conduct an illegal U-turn on Madison and strike a parked vehicle. The officer directed the driver, a 32-year-old female from Chicago, to stop, but she ignored the officer's orders and drove away. Another officer located the vehicle and stopped it near Lathrop Ave and Augusta Street after observing it commit several additional traffic violations. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

**25-00875                      Retail Theft, Obstructing and Resisting a Police Officer**

On July 25, 2025 10:43AM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel Osco) for a Retail Theft in progress. The offender stole numerous bottles of liquor and was last seen eastbound on Lake Street. Responding officers arrived on scene and checked the area. A subject matching the description was located in the River Forest Town Center. Officers gave the subject a lawful command to stop but the subject refused and began running away to avoid apprehension. A River Forest Officer deployed their taser which temporarily incapacitated him. The subject began resisting arrest and was eventually taken into custody. The store manager positively identified the subject as the offender along with the proceeds. The merchandise had a total retail value of \$177.28. The offender was identified as a 23-year-old Berkley resident and was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with misdemeanor Retail Theft and (3) counts of Obstructing/Resisting a Police Officer. The offender was processed and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at the Maybrook Courthouse.

**25-00877                      Aggravated Battery, Retail Theft, and Warrant**

On July 26, 2025 3:05PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel-Osco) for the retail theft that just occurred. A Jewel security officer advised the offender stole bottles of liquor and pushed passed the security officer to escape westbound on Lake Street. The Jewel security officer sustained some minor scratches on his hand and forearm because of the scuffle and recovered all the stolen merchandise. A suspect matching the description was located in the rear of 401 Lathrop Avenue. The suspect was positively identified as the offender and arrested for Aggravated Battery and Retail Theft. The offender was identified as a 38-year-old male from Melrose Park. It was also determined the offender had an outstanding Cook County Warrant for Battery. The offender was charged with Aggravated Battery of a Merchant, Retail Theft, and the outstanding Warrant. The offender was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

**25-00891                      Retail Theft and Warrant**

On July 29, 2025 7:50PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a premise check in the River Forest Town Center and observed two suspicious subjects entering 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens). The officer observed the two subjects quickly exit carrying a full reusable bag. The officer entered the Walgreens, and an employee confirmed the two subjects stole multiple bottles of liquor. The officer detained the two offenders in front of 7231 Lake Street where they were positively identified by the witness. The stolen merchandise valued at \$75.88 was returned to the store. The offenders were identified as two 57-year-old males from Chicago. It was determined that one of the offenders had an outstanding Cook County Warrant for Retail Theft. Both offenders were transported to the station for processing. Both offenders were charged with felony Retail Theft. One offender was given a felony court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice. The other offender was given a felony court date and was transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

**25-00893                      Retail Theft**

On July 30, 2025 2:37PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for the retail theft that just occurred. A suspect matching the description was located at the CTA Green Line. The suspect and recovered merchandise were positively identified by the Walgreens employee. The offender was identified as a 45-year-old female from Chicago. It was also determined that the offender had already been previously trespassed from the Walgreens. The stolen merchandise valued at \$163.36 was returned to the store. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with Retail Theft and Criminal Trespass to Real Property. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00896                      Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**

On July 30, 2025 8:35PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the suspicious auto parked blocking the gas pumps at 7201 North Avenue (Circle K). Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle matching the description and observed an unconscious driver. Responding officers were eventually able to wake up the driver that displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the station. The driver was identified as a 45-year-old male from Melrose Park. An inventory search of the vehicle revealed a fraudulent driver's license, and it was determined his Illinois driver's license was canceled. The driver was ultimately charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Obstructing Justice, Possession of Fraudulent Identification Card,

and Driving Without a Valid License. The driver was given a felony court date, issued citations, and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

**25-00903                      Aggravated Battery and Criminal Damage to Property**

On July 31, 2025 9:30PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Harlem Avenue and Lemoyne Street for the CTA bus operator that was battered by a passenger. Upon arrival, it was determined the offender fled the scene after spitting on the driver and breaking the bus door. A suspect matching the description was located in the 1500 block of Clinton Place and was positively identified by the victim as the offender. The offender was identified as a 34-year-old from Elmwood Park. The offender was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with Aggravated Battery to Transit Worker and Criminal Damage to Property. The offender was given a felony court date and released from the station on a Citation and Notice.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230
Criminal Arrests	0	9	14
Warrant Arrests	0	9	4
D.U.I Arrests	2	0	1
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	4	9	7
Hazardous Moving Violations	46	63	73
Compliance Citations	13	11	9
Parking Citations	164	59	2
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	94	69	73
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	6	0	1
Field Interviews	2	3	7
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	316	241	214
Written Reports	29	56	72
Administrative Tows	5	5	7
Sick Time used (in days)	1	0	1

**Detective Division**

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked thirteen (13) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty-two (22) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Sergeant Labriola and Detective Zermeno attended court for previous felony arrests.

The Detective Unit completed the background investigations on eleven (11) police applicants for potential hire, and Detective Sergeant Labriola attended the final interviews conducted by the Board of Fire and Police Commission.

During the month of July, the Detective Unit completed numerous online mandated continuous educational courses.

During the month of July, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed ten (10) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, one (1) was cleared by an arrest, four (4) were exceptionally cleared, one (1) was unfounded, and four (4) are still active. The Unit also continued to investigate open cases from previous months, as well as assisted the Patrol Division in cases reported in the month of July.

### Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
17	22	13	7

### July 2025 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Armed Robbery	1						1		
Battery	1					1			
Retail Theft	1						1		
Agg. Discharge Firearm	1						1		
Theft	1					1			
Induce Suicide	1						1		
Group A Total	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Welfare Check	1								1
Public Indecency	1	1							
Fleeing and Eluding	1					1			
Disorderly Conduct	1					1			
Group B Total	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
TOTALS	10	1	0	0	0	4	4	0	1

### July 2025 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
No Valid Driver's License		1		
Total (1)	0	1	0	0

### New Investigations

#### **25-00735                      Disorderly Conduct**

On June 21, 2025 1:34AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the Circle K gas station located at 7201 North Avenue in reference to a disorderly conduct report. The victims related that shortly before contacting RFPD, they were driving on North Avenue. and observed a vehicle driving erratically. The driver of the vehicle entered the Circle K parking lot and while the victims were inside of their vehicle waiting for the traffic light at North Avenue and Harlem Avenue to turn green, the male offender approached their vehicle and made threatening remarks implying he was in possession of a firearm. Investigators identified a suspect, but the victims were unable to positively identify the offender from a photo lineup. This case was exceptionally cleared.

#### **25-00761                      Battery**

On June 27, 2025 9:01PM, a River Forest Officer responded to Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake Street, in reference to a battery which just occurred. The victim, who is the manager of the store reported that male subject who he recognized as a subject who has committed retail thefts at the store removed multiple cans of beer from the shelf. The manager advised

the male to put the cans back on the shelf and the male pushed the manager to escape the store while committing the retail theft. The manager has since stopped cooperating with the investigation, and as a result, this case will be exceptionally cleared.

**25-00767 Inducement to Commit Suicide**

On June 28, 2025 2:46PM, River Forest Officers responded to the Sheridan in response to a 75-year-old female resident who had passed away. An employee of the Sheridan advised officers that the female's husband stated that he provided the deceased with medication that was not part of the scheduled distribution. Investigators served multiple search warrants for the female's room, the husband's residence in Chicago, and for the husband's cellular telephone. Investigators attended the autopsy for the female, and the medical examiner's report is pending. The husband, a 75-year-old male from Chicago, was released without charges pending the medical examiner's report.

**25-00774 Welfare Check**

On June 16, 2025 and June 17, 2025, a River Forest Officer responded to the 1200 block of William Avenue in reference to welfare checks involving a juvenile child who stated that he felt unsafe in the custody of his father who also resides in River Forest. On June 30, 2025, the officer received a voicemail from the child's mother who reported that the child's father may have been verbally and physically abusive with the child. Investigators coordinated with the Department of Children and Family Services as well as the Children's Advocacy Center to have a forensic interview conducted. The child did not disclose any verbal or physical assaults. This case was unfounded.

**25-00789 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm**

On July 5, 2025 3:56AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 700 block of Thatcher. The vehicle fled from the officer who did not pursue. Another officer in a covert vehicle observed the fleeing vehicle on Washington Boulevard and followed the vehicle into Maywood where one of the occupants fired multiple rounds at the officer, striking the covert vehicle. The offending vehicle fled and was not located. Investigators spoke to the registered owner who claimed he did not know where his vehicle was located. Investigators executed multiple search warrants which included GPS information for the vehicle which provided the vehicle's location which was stored in a garage in Forest Park. Investigators recovered the vehicle and processed it for evidence which resulted in latent prints of two other subjects who were identified. Investigators obtained cellular telephone records for the registered owner which placed him at the scene of the shooting, and he is now wanted by RFPD. This case is still pending.

**25-00790 Public Indecency**

On July 5, 2025 6:34AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 7900 block of Madison Street in reference to a public indecency report. The victim related that she was jogging on Madison and a male subject pulled alongside her in a vehicle. She stopped momentarily and observed that the driver was masturbating and then fled the area. Investigators identified the vehicle and identified the driver who admitted to being in the area. The driver, a 22-year-old male from Maywood, was arrested and charged with public indecency.

**25-00805 Theft**

On July 8, 2025 12:55PM, a River Forest resident reported that her gas grill was stolen from her residence on July 1, 2025. Investigators located the offending vehicle using Village of River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. On July 14, 2025, the offending vehicle was located and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

**25-00810 Retail Theft**

On July 10, 2025 3:49PM, a River Forest Officer responded to Ulta located at 7231 Lake Street in reference to a retail theft where two female subjects took over \$2,000 worth of fragrances from the store without purchasing the items. The offenders left in a vehicle which investigators identified from Village of River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. Investigators identified suspects, but the store employee was unable to identify the offenders from a photo lineup. Investigators will attempt to locate the offending vehicle, and this case is still pending.

**25-00832 Armed Robbery**

On July 15, 2025 7:17AM, River Forest Officers responded to 7-11 located at 1140 Harlem Avenue in reference to an armed robbery that just occurred. The store clerk related that a male offender wearing a mask entered the store and

produced a firearm while demanding the money from the cash register. The offender fled the scene in a vehicle which investigators were able to identify using Village of River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. On July 15, 2025, investigators located the offending vehicle in Addison, Illinois and placed the registered owner who resembled the offender into custody. A search warrant for the vehicle was executed on the vehicle and further evidence was collected for analysis. After further investigation, there was not sufficient evidence to hold the registered owner, a 20-year-old male from River Grove and he was released from custody. This case is still pending.

#### **25-00870                      Fleeing and Eluding**

On July 25, 2025 4:54AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 7600 block of North Avenue for speeding. The vehicle fled and committed multiple other Illinois vehicle Code violations. Investigators located the vehicle, and it was towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

### **Old Investigations**

#### **25-00632                      Hit & Run**

On May 31, 2025 4:47AM, a River Forest officer received a report of a hit and run accident at North Avenue and Lathrop Avenue. Investigators were able to identify using the Village of River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. The vehicle was located on July 23, 2025, and towed with an administrative hold.

#### **25-00691 & 25-00701      Retail Theft**

On June 12, 2025 2:47PM, River Forest officers responded to Ulta for a retail theft. The store employee related that three (3) female offenders entered the store and removed approximately \$2,000 worth of fragrances without paying for the items. On June 14, 2025, the same females entered the store and took approximately \$725 worth of fragrances without paying for the items. Investigators used facial recognition to identify the female offenders and were identified in photo lineups by the witnesses. On July 14, 2025, two females were charged by the Cook County Sheriff's Department for these cases. They were both cleared by arrest.

#### **25-00697                      Assault**

On June 13, 2025 4:17PM, a victim reported that she was the victim of a battery that occurred at a multi-family residential building in the 1500 block of Harlem Avenue on April 1, 2025, at approximately 10:00AM. The victim related that she is the property manager, and when she came with the exterminator, one of the residents spat on her. The victim provided a video recording of the incident and attempts to locate the resident have been unsuccessful. On August 4, 2025, the offender was issued a cite and notice for assault. This case is cleared by an arrest.

### **Training**

During the month of July 2025, twenty-seven (27) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of one-hundred and sixty (160) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Barcnas	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Barcnas	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Barcnas	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Barcnas	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Barcnas	Workplace Harassment	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Bourdeau	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Bourdeau	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Bourdeau	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Bourdeau	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1



Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Bourdeau	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Bus	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casarez	Ground Fighting: Escaping	7/17/2025	7/17/2025	8
Casarez	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casarez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Casarez	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Casarez	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casarez	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casey	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casey	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Casey	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Casey	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Casey	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Cassidy	ITOA Tactical Rifle/Pistol FTX	7/18/2025	7/18/2025	6
Cassidy	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Cassidy	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Cassidy	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Cassidy	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Catalano	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Catalano	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Catalano	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Catalano	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Catalano	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Coleman	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Coleman	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Coleman	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Coleman	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Coleman	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Cortes	ITOA Tactical Rifle/Pistol FTX	7/18/2025	7/18/2025	6
Cortes	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Cortes	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Cortes	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Cortes	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Cortes	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Czernik	ITOA Tactical Rifle/Pistol FTX	7/18/2025	7/18/2025	6
Czernik	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Czernik	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Czernik	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Czernik	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Drake	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Drake	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Drake	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Fries	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Fries	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Fries	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Fries	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Gonzalez	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Gonzalez	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Greenwood	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Greenwood	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Greenwood	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Grill	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Grill	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Grill	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Grill	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Grill	ICS-400	7/14/2025	7/15/2025	18
Grill	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Humphreys	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Humphreys	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Humphreys	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Humphreys	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Humphreys	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Juarez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Juarez	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Juarez	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Labriola	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Labriola	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Labriola	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Labriola	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Labriola	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Lenz	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Lenz	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Lenz	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Mika	ITOA Tactical Rifle/Pistol FTX	7/18/2025	7/18/2025	6
Mika	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Mika	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Mika	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Mika	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Mika	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Murillo	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Murillo	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Murillo	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Niemann	ITOA Tactical Rifle/Pistol FTX	7/18/2025	7/18/2025	6
Niemann	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Niemann	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Niemann	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Niemann	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Niemann	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Ransom	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Ransom	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Ransom	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Richter	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Richter	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Richter	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Swierczynski	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Swierczynski	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Swierczynski	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Swierczynski	ICS-400	7/14/2025	7/15/2025	18
Tagle	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Tagle	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Tagle	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Tagle	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Tagle	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
Zermeno	PLI July 2025 Monthly Legal Update	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Zermeno	Roll Call Training-Gas Mask	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	0.5
Zermeno	Pepperball	7/1/2025	7/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Workplace Harassment	7/11/2025	7/31/2025	1
<b>Total</b>				<b>160</b>